

**Notification of Application for Environmental Authorisation, Water Use Authorisation and Air Emissions License (AEL) Processes for the Proposed Expansion of the Blastrite site located on Portion 58 of the Farm Waterval 303JQ, Rustenburg, North-West Province**

Notice is hereby given that Blastrite (Pty) Ltd (the Applicant) has applied for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above-mentioned project. An EA is required by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) Process, from the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (NW EDEC&T) for listed activities 14 and 34 of GNR No. 983 (Listing Notice 1) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA). A Water Use Authorisation is required from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in terms of listed activities 21(c) and 21(i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA). An AEL is required from the Bojanala District Municipality in terms of listed activities 4.20 and 5.2 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004). Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Blastrite to undertake the above-mentioned applications and associated the public participation processes.

The site is accessed from 1<sup>st</sup> Street, opposite Bathopele Platinum Mine in Rustenburg. There are currently stockpiles of platinum slag on site that comes from the Waterval Smelter in Rustenburg and the Mortimer Smelter situated in the Limpopo Province. The Applicant proposes to store in excess of 100 000 tons of platinum slag in stockpiles on site within the existing site footprint, and also proposes to install a new grit drier on site to dry the slag material for packaging. There are existing fuel reserves on the site (75.6m<sup>3</sup>). Additional above ground fuel storage tanks are proposed within the existing bunded area. The cumulative storage of the fuel on site will be above 80m<sup>3</sup>.

Kindly note that the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) provides more details of the above project and is available for public review and comment from 19 June 2023 to 21 July 2023. The report is available at the Rustenburg Public Library (*153 Smit Street, Rustenburg, 2999*) and on the Zitholele Consulting's website: [www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/](http://www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/) under the heading "Blastrite BAR". Please submit your comments on the BAR by no later than 21 July 2023 to the contact persons/details as listed below. Information regarding the above processes can also be requested from the Public Participation Office at the contact details provided herein.

All stakeholders that wish to provide comments on the BAR, WULA and AEL process, including this process and stay informed throughout the process are urged to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) by submitting your contact details and interest on the project to the Public Participation Process (PPP) desk at the contact details provided. Alternatively, SMS the word "Blastrite" to 45776. Further communication relating to the project will only be undertaken with registered I&APs. The PPP desk can be contacted as follows:

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